GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - **Establishment of SDG Monitoring Cell** to be located at Planning Department in supersession of G.O.Ms.No.149, General Administration (Cabinet-II) Dept. Dated. 24.11.2022- Orders- Issued.

PLANNING (X) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.NO.15 **Dated:10.11.2023**

Read the following: -

1. G.O.Ms.No.110, PR&RD (MDL.I) Department, dated: 19.07.2019
2. G.O.Rt.No.151, Planning (X) Department, dated: 11.10.2021
3. Note from the Special Chief Secretary to Chief Minister No.88,dt:01.11.2021.
4. G.O.Ms.No.132, General Administration (SC-A) Department, dt:01.11.2022
5. G.O.Ms.No.135, General Administration (SC-A) Department, dt:08.11.2022
6. G.O.Ms.No.144, General Administration (SC-A) Department, dt:18.11.2022
7. G.O.Ms.No.147, General Administration (SC-A) Department, dt:22.11.2022
8. G.O.Ms.No.149, General Administration (Cabinet. II) Dept., dt:24.11.2022
9. From the Chief Advisor, UNDP of India Lr Dt. 14.12.2022.

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ORDER:-

The Andhra Pradesh Government in the recent past has put in systems to improve the performance under Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and is fully committed to expeditious achievement of SDGs as mandated by the United Nations.

2. The steps taken to improve the performance in the SDGs include, drilling down relevant targets to the Village and Ward Secretariat level, monitoring of results at the grassroots level, development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for each of the indicator, creating necessary ecosystem to institutionalize processes, localizing certain indicators at the VWS level, a portal for data entry as well as regularly monitoring progress and building the capacity of functionaries at all levels. All these orders were issued in the GOs cited above.

3. The State Government is implementing the Navaratnalu-group of schemes and the effects of these schemes would be visible in the SDGs. In order to ensure timely achievement of the results of these schemes, it is imperative to constantly monitor these schemes and make course corrections based on feedback received from the monitoring. For this, the Government of AP has requested the NITI Aayog, to establish a SDG

Monitoring Cell (SDGMC) in the State. In turn, the NITI Aayog has entrusted this task to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The UNDP India has consented to support such a Cell and furnished a proposal to set up a SDG Coordination Centre (SDGMC) in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

4. In pursuance of this initiative, the Government in the GA(Cabinet-II) department, in the G.O. 8th read above have issued orders for establishment of Sustainable Development Goals Monitoring Cell (SDGMC) in the Planning Department with the technical support of UNDP, limiting the financial burden on the State to Rs.38.50 lakhs to be payable to UNDP expenses (for 2-years) towards management and implementation fees (8% of the total project cost of Rs.5.185 crores) and meeting the balance expenditure from out of State Government departmental funds.

5. However, in the reference 9th read above, the UNDP, citing the UNDP's Financial Rules and Regulations, sought approval of the State Government for the entire project (Rs.5.185 crores) instead of the expenses towards management and implementation fees of 8%, for undertaking the project in the State.

6. Government after careful examination of the proposal of the UNDP, hereby issue orders for establishment of Sustainable Development Goals Monitoring Cell (SDGMC) in the Planning Department with the technical support of UNDP at a total cost of Rs.5.185 crores for a period of two years, in supersession of the orders issued in the G.O. 8th read above. The Monitoring Cell to be located in the Planning Department shall ensure achievement of the SDG related results in a time bound manner.

7. The scope of the SDG Monitoring Cell would be as follows:-

- Strengthening the data ecosystem for generating policy insights in all Departments;
- Strengthening National reporting of data for accurately capturing State Progress;
- Provide analytical insights and advisory based on evidence to all Departments; and
- Concurrent evaluation of schemes leading to SDGs as set out in the State Indicator Framework.

8. The operating procedures for the SDG Monitoring Cell are given below:-

A. UNDP Support

i. Monitoring and Evaluation – UNDP shall provide technical support, perform technical analysis, facilitates timely reporting of State data to GoI Ministries, provide technical guidance for concurrent evaluations of policies and programmes.

ii. Knowledge Management- Provide technical guidance for concurrent evaluations of policies and programmes operated by all State Government Departments.

iii. UNDP in India will work closely with NITI Aayog, MoSPI and Andhra Pradesh with SDG Monitoring Cell.

iv. UNDP will Deploy Senior Technical Expert on SDGs to work in close collaboration with the GoAP to prepare a detailed work plan for the SDG Monitoring Cell using UNDP own resources.

v. Implementation Arrangements:

- The SDG Monitoring Cell shall work under the overall guidance of the Chief Executive to Hon'ble Chief Minister with Secretary, Planning Department as the Project Head, supported by a Senior Technical Expert and assisted by 3 Technical Experts and 3 Research Associates.

- UNDP would directly implement the project in close collaboration with the Planning Department, GoAP. The UNDP in-house expertise on various thematic issues, the SDG CC experience from different states will be leveraged for SDG Monitoring Cell and will share the best practices and lessons learned in the implementation of SDGs. UNDP will provide concurrent technical guidance and advisory to the SDG Monitoring Cell in delivering the expected results as agreed in the work plans.

B. AP Government's Financial support & Budget

The Government shall extend the necessary financial support for establishment of the SDG Monitoring Cell in collaboration in the Planning Department and assist the State for 2 years with the following cost breakup of the total project cost of Rs. 518.50 lakh:-

a. Establishment of SDG Monitoring cell (Consultancy Services): Rs.178.00 lakh
b. For undertaking SDG Monitoring Cell Activities: Rs. 302.00 lakh
c. UNDP Management expenses (8% of project Cost):Rs. 38.50 lakh

9. The Finance Department has concurred with the total project proposal. Separate orders will be issued regarding release of funds, Head of Account and payment method etc. in consultation with the Finance Department.

10. The complete administrative and logistic support to the Center would be provided by the Andhra Pradesh State Development Planning Society as they are doing for other organizations and have developed requisite experience.

11. The Secretary, Planning department and the CEO, APSDPS shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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